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The Honorable Wilbur Ross
Secretary of Commerce
U.S. Department of Commerce
1401 Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, DC 20230

Secretary Ross:

Thank you for taking the time on May 16, 2018 to discuss the ongoing trade investigation into uncoated groundwood paper. Newspapers and a free press are a bedrock of our democracy. Local newspapers in particular, whose reporters uphold the responsibility of executing the duties of the "fourth estate" for their communities, must have the resources available to faithfully report and transmit the news. As we discussed, I have heard from numerous newspapers in Pennsylvania expressing concern about the impacts of Commerce's preliminary findings. Enclosed is the data you requested on industry impacts in Pennsylvania. Additionally, I reiterate my request that you use your authorities under the Tariff Act of 1930 to initiate a suspension agreement between the two parties, to avoid adverse impacts to our newspaper industry.

I know you will undertake a judicious review of the concerns raised by my constituents and take the appropriate action.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert P. Casey, Jr.
United States Senator